

REMARKS

Claims 10-28, 31-35, 38 and 39 are now in the application. The claims are amended to address objections and rejections presented under Section 112. Claims 10 and 28 are amended to present subject matter which more clearly distinguishes over the combination of Swales in view of Kuchlin which was the basis for rejecting independent claims 10 and 28 under Section 103. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments. It is submitted that claim 10 is fully distinguished, among other reasons, because it now requires

a database extension module comprising a first mechanism for exchanging data with a database; and

an automation extension module comprising a second mechanism for implementing an automation functionality, the web server further including a second mechanism for accessing a real-time operating system, wherein the database extension module is linked to exchange data between the web server and a database server, and the automation extension module is linked to multiple hardware components of an automation system, enabling operation of the industrial process through the web server.

Claim 28 is distinguished and allowable because it requires a web server having the combination of

web server further including:

a first extension module for implementing an automation functionality linked to multiple ones of the hardware components, enabling operation of the industrial process through the web server;

a second extension module functioning as an XML parser;

a third extension module linked to effect a Profibus connection;

a fourth extension module providing Java functionality;

a fifth extension module linked to process video signals from a web camera; and

a sixth extension module for processing XML data.

For the above reasons it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the art rejection of all claims. If the Examiner has any basis to disagree with allowance in accord with applicant's proposed amendment, the Examiner is requested to respond by providing citation and comment in an advisory action.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action are overcome and the application should be passed to issue. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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